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Appl. No.: 09/646,849  
Filed: October 17, 2000  
Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR JOINT MECHANISM, JOINT  
APPARATUS, AND ROBOT DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD  
THEREOF"

Art Unit: 2837  
Examiner: M. Fletcher  
Docket No.: 113298-002

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

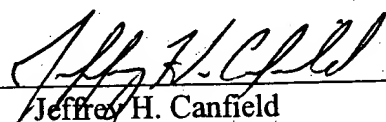
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Applicants herewith submit one sheet (FIG. 23) of drawing changes as indicated in red on the attached drawing.

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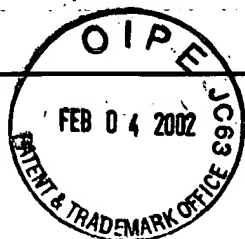
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